

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #17: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. Suffolk Transition Office

On April 28, 2011, the Virginia Regional Center for U. S. Joint Forces Command (USFCOM) Workforce Transition and Business Development opened its doors to provide one-stop assistance to employees and business affected by the upcoming transformation of JFCOM. According to a press release from the Governor's Office, Governor McDonnell stated that "this transition center is the culmination of months of hard work between state and local government, as well as the Office of Economic Adjustment."

The center's website states the facility will support a wide variety of economic and workforce development activities, including: business attraction and retention, entrepreneurship assistance, communication and outreach activities and worker assessment, career counseling, job search assistance, skills training, and a variety of career-related workshops.

The Commonwealth of Virginia will administer the center in partnership with the City of Suffolk, Opportunity, Inc., the Virginia Employment Commission, Virginia Workforce Connection, the Small Business Development Center, and SEVA-Rapid Response. The center is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment.

The transition center is located at the Bridgeway Technology Center I building, 7025 Harbour View Boulevard, Suite 120, Suffolk, VA 23435. Hours of operation are 8:30 – 4:30 Monday - Friday. For more information call the JFCOM Transition hotline at (757) 461-7537 or visit www.JFCOMtransition.com

B. Virginia Municipal League (VML)/Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) Workshop

Throughout the past year, much has been written about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's prescribed "pollution diet" for the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. EPA's Chesapeake Bay cleanup plan will significantly impact the local governments that fall within the Chesapeake Bay watershed that covers approximately 60 percent of Virginia's land mass. On May 26, 2011 from 9:30 am to 3:15 p.m. VML and VACo are hosting a one day seminar. This Seminar will be a working session for localities to help them understand what will be expected and how much these expectations might cost in regards to the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. This seminar should also offer an opportunity for local officials to better familiarize themselves with the science behind the program, the history of the Chesapeake Bay Program, and innovative approaches that might help localities improve the quality of nearby rivers and streams.

Restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries: A Working Seminar for Local Officials

May 26

9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Hanover County Board of Supervisors Auditorium

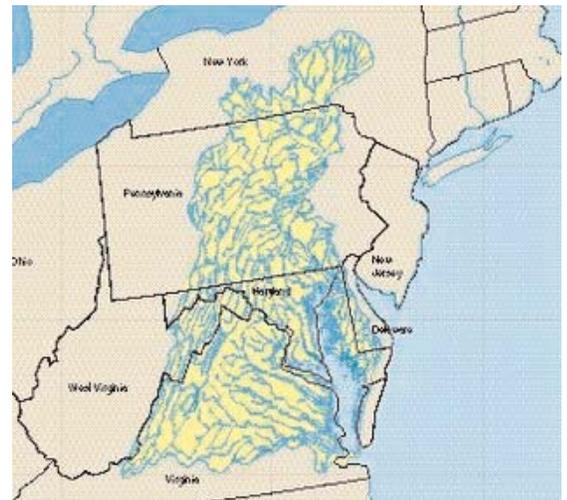
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In order to respond to this initiative, VACo and VML are hosting this one-day seminar to help local officials better understand:

- What will be expected of local governments.
- How much these expectations might cost.

This seminar should also offer an opportunity for local officials to better familiarize themselves with the science behind the program, the history of the Chesapeake Bay Program, and innovative approaches that might help localities improve the quality of nearby rivers and streams.

We hope to structure this seminar in a way that will be interactive and informal. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, courtesy of Joyce Engineering and the Sands Anderson.



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Registration Form

To register for this workshop fill out the following information:

Name: _____

Title: _____

County/City/Town: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Mailing
Address: _____

Phone number: _____ FAX: _____

Registration fee: \$10

Make check payable to the Virginia Association of Counties or include credit card authorization.

Circle one: Visa MasterCard American Express Exp. Date _____

Cardholder's Name _____ Card# _____

The deadline to submit the registration form is May 19.

Virginia Association of Counties, 1207 E. Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219
FAX: (804) 788-0083. Any questions pertaining to the workshop may be directed to VACo Staff member Larry Land at (804)343-2504 or by email to Lland@vaco.org.

Directions to the Hanover County Board of Supervisors Auditorium

The Hanover County Government Complex address is 7497 County Complex Rd. It is located approximately 5 miles east of the Town of Ashland, just south of the intersection of Rts. 54 and 301. From I-95: take Exit 92 (Rt. 54 East) towards Hanover. Travel approximately 7 miles to the intersection with Rt. 301. Turn right onto Rt. 301. Travel approximately one-half mile and turn left onto County Complex Rd.

Preliminary AGENDA (subject to minor changes)

- **9 a.m.** Registration and Continental Breakfast (Provided by Joyce Engineering)
- **9:30 - 9:45 a.m.** Welcoming Remarks and Introduction
- **9:45 - 11 a.m.** "The Big Picture" (Joseph Maroon, Maroon Consulting and Adjunct Faculty Member, Virginia Commonwealth University)
- **11 - 11:15 a.m.** Break
- **11:15 - noon** The Science of the Bay and its tributaries (Carl Hershner, PhD, Director for Coastal Resources Management, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary)
- **Noon - 12:45 p.m.** Lunch (Provided by Joyce Engineering)
- **12:45 - 1:30 p.m.** Watershed Implementation Plan, Phase II: What it means to localities (Anthony Moore, Assistant Secretary for Chesapeake Bay Restoration)
- **1:40 - 2:20 p.m.** Nutrient Credit Exchange (Russ Baxter, Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, Department of Environmental Quality)
- **2:20 - 2:30 p.m.** Break (Refreshments provided by Sands Anderson PC)
- **2:30 - 3:15 p.m.** Perspectives: Panel Discussion Participants:
 - Moderator: M. Ann Neil Cosby, Esq., Counsel, Sands Anderson PC
 - Chris D. Pomeroy, President, AquaLaw
 - Ann Jennings, Virginia Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
 - Katie Kyger Frazier, Vice President, Public Affairs, Virginia Agribusiness Council
 - Steven Williams, Executive Director, Thomas Jefferson Planning District
 - Jeff Corbin, Senior Advisor to the Administrator for the Chesapeake Bay and Anacostia River, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- **3:15 p.m.** Wrap up